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PRESIDENT

8 April 1969

The Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Flight Safety Foundation has been working for several months on a plan for establishment of a National Technical Safety Information Center under the administration of the Flight Safety Foundation. This plan has been presented to a number of Government agencies, aerospace companies, major airlines, national associations, foundations, and at the Air Force-Industry System Safety Conference held at Las Vegas, Nevada, 24-28 February 1969. Based upon the favorable response received for such a safety information exchange service, the Flight Safety Foundation is formally initiating action to establish this Center. Accordingly, I am taking this opportunity of advising all concerned Government and civilian agencies of this plan in order to provide an opportunity for participation in and support of this Center during its formative period.

Enclosure (1) is the basic plan for establishment of this Center. This plan, in brief, provides for setting up a National Technical Safety Information Center in the Washington, D.C., area under the administration of the Flight Safety Foundation and under the policy guidance of a Government-Industry Advisory Board. As a National Center, it would bring together all significant safety documents, studies, analyses and statistical summaries now available from Government, industry or private sources. With such a Center, the following information exchange services can be provided to Government and industry:

- A. A quarterly accessions list showing all significant safety documents by source and by subject.
- B. A 24-hour procurement service for any document in the Center.
- C. A quarterly catalog of companies or agencies engaged in development, test or marketing of safety products.

- D. A quarterly catalog of reliable sources of safety information - both individuals or offices.
- E. Special research services for preparation of special bibliographies or studies in safety or related fields.

In all of the briefings presented to date, we have received a favorable response concerning the need for such a safety information exchange service and the appropriateness of providing such service under the auspices of an unbiased, non-Government, non-industry agency such as the Flight Safety Foundation. In no case have we had a negative response as to the requirement for such a Center to serve both Government and industry.

Based upon the affirmative response to the requirement for such an exchange service, the Flight Safety Foundation is initiating action to establish this Center and is therefore formally soliciting your support in terms of:


1. A statement as to your support of the requirement for such a facility,
2. A statement as to your support of establishing such a facility under the administration of the Flight Safety Foundation and under the policy guidance of a Government-Industry Advisory Board, and
3. A statement as to the extent of financial support which you would provide for the initial establishment of this Center. Companies or agencies making an initial grant for starting this Center will be provided a five-year free subscription which will entitle them to full use of this Center.

Approximately \$180,000 is required for the establishment and first year's operation of this Center; it is planned that it will be financially self-supporting in subsequent years through membership and service charges. The Flight Safety Foundation has committed \$18,000 to get this project started and needs grant assistance from aerospace companies, Government agencies, airlines, and foundations for the first year's budget.

Enclosure (2) lists guidelines that are considered reasonable for determining appropriate initial grants from industry and Government agencies for establishment of this Center. We have received indications that certain private foundations will provide funds for support of such a Center on the basis of matching funds promised by Government agencies and companies.

Inasmuch as there is an urgent need for the establishment of such a national facility for the support of industry and Government, an early reply to this letter is requested in order that we can proceed with the establishment of this Center.

Sincerely,


JOSEPH D CALDARA

Major General, USAF (Ret.)

Enclosures (2)

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To 1 - This letter was forwarded to the DD/S for action. I believe that it might better have been referred to you. On the other hand, it is the type of correspondence that the DD/S should reply to, and I seek your concurrence on the proposed reply.

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7. Deputy Director for Support
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